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THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" Sir, I thought this will be a simple leave-taking, and I never expected a shower of blessings and praise from my esteemed colleagues the Leader of the House, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Ibrahim and others, and more than anything else from the Chair. As my heart is full, I cannot speak more. I am very glad that I have the goodwill of all the Members of this House, which will certainly help me in the discharge of my future duties in the rebuilding and reconstructing of an independent India, but nonetheless a poor India practically in distress on account of the economic situation. I will not lose association either with Madras or this House, for I shall, even from that distance, carefully study what is going on here. I thank you for all the round of blessings you have given me. I shall carry with me this pleasant association throughout my life. I thank you."

(The hon. Sri Kala Venkata Rao then left the House.)

STARRED QUESTIONS

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*cont.*

Instructions regarding Communists.

* 168 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Collectors and Police authorities in the mufassal defining 'Communism' and what political characteristics constitute a person a 'Communist'; and what characteristics differentiate a Socialist from a Communist;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that about twenty persons detained in the Vellore Central Jail as Communists have signified their loyalty to and expressed their intention to stand by and support the present Dominion Government of India and in favour of non-violence and adoption of constitutional methods; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered their cases and ordered their release?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The matter is under consideration."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" How do the Collectors and District Magistrates act on the report that a certain man is a Communist, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not follow the hon. Member's question."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" What political views should a man hold or one should practise in order to be characterized as a Communist? "

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" To be a Communist, I think, is no offence; but if he does anything wrong, any unlawful act, then of course the District Magistrate will take note of it and he will be properly dealt with."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I take it that commission of acts of violence is one of the criterions for being called a Communist? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not think it is so. But if a man commits violence, whether he is a Communist or not, he will be dealt with."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Do members of R.S.S. come under the category of Communists? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If they commit any acts of violence, they will be punished."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO—" Before they commit any act of violence, will any action be taken against them? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" We cannot answer about the intention of Government in an interpellation in this House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Then why did Government declare the R.S.S. an unlawful body even when they did not do an unlawful act? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" May I know which Government declared them so? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" So far as this Government is concernd, this Government did not declare them unlawful."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" I believe this Government has declared them unlawful."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" No, it is the Government of India."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of disposing of the applications as expeditiously as possible in view of the fact that a mere delay in the disposal of the applications may lead to the possibility of such Communists becoming more hardened? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Government are dealing with these cases as expeditiously as possible. There are certain procedures to be adopted when Communists or those on their behalf seek some relief. The matter is referred to a committee. The decision of the committee is referred to their respective area to ascertain whether it is in public interest that they should be released even after they had given an undertaking. When once all this procedure has been gone into—I am sure all this is done expeditiously—then release is ordered."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Have the committees met after I sent notice of my interpellation three months back? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The committees are meeting."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, there are several cases in other jails where prisoners have signifid their loyalty to Government and have submitted representations for their release to the Government and I do not know what action has been taken."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am sure all these cases are taken up seriatim and are being examined with a view to their release."

Rules governing appointments in Government service.

* 169 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the rules governing appointments to various services are in respect of (1) direct recruitment and (2) promotions from lower ranks;

(*b*) what the circumstances are under which direct recruitment to a service can be dispensed with;

(*c*) what the services are in respect of which Government can recruit themselves either directly or by promotion without the intervention of the Public Service Commission; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that many appointments are being made under emergency provisions and even extension of time is being sought for such appointments without securing recruitment through the Public Service Commission?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules contained in the Madras Services Manual, Volumes II and III which should be read with the general rules printed at pages 138–159 of Volume I of the manual. The manual is available for reference at the library of the Madras Legislature and also at the Secretariat Library.

" (*b*) The methods of recruitment prescribed in the various rules are invariably followed. If, in respect of a particular service or post, raw recruits will not suit, the method of recruitment will be by promotion within the service or by transfer from any other service.

" (*c*) The list of services and posts which have been excluded from the purview of the Commission is printed in Annexure I to the Madras Public Service Commission Regulations, 1937, at pages 11–13 of Volume I of the Madras Services Manual mentioned in the answer to clause (*a*). In respect of those services and posts, either the Government or the respective appointing authority prescribed in the concerned